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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : JOSE ALBERO ET AL.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-responsive reply communication mailed by the Examiner on January 13, 2004.

REMARKS

In the response filed on November 3, 2003, Applicants added new claims 22 - 35. Applicants inadvertently failed to identify the claims readable on the elected species. Applicants hereby state that new claim 22 is believed to be generic and new claims 23, 24, and 26-35 are believed to be readable on the elected species. Claim 25 is not readable on the elected species.

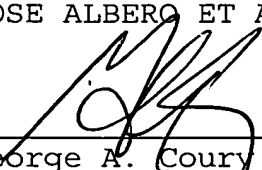
It is submitted that Applicants have now complied to the outstanding requirement set forth in the communication.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to continue with the examination of the instant application.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Commissioner determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

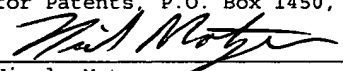
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